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depressed classes and several people in the mufassal were ready to receive the depressed classes with open arms and treat them as their brothers and sisters. But the attitude of our Government in negativing the resolutions passed by several municipalities has very much upset the minds of the people and caused great disappointment to the members representing the depressed classes in this House. The Government, under the cloak of preserving peace and order want to justify their order and try to enforce it against them. My appeal to the Hon. the Chief Minister and other Members of the Government is that the Government should relax their attitude and treat the claims of the depressed classes in a more sympathetic manner.

"Then I want to refer to some other subject which has also been dealt with in the past, and that is, the way in which the Public Services Commission are administering their duties in this Presidency. It is a new department, and to some of us it might appear that it is one that is doing incalculable good to the country. But, on the other hand, I should say that it does not do any good to the people especially the minorities. I have examined the lists of candidates who have been chosen by the Public Services Commission for appointments under the Government; and to my great surprise I found, that the claims of the depressed classes as also the claims of the Christian Depressed Classes have been treated in a spirit of indifference and negligence. It may be argued that there is no depressed class among Christians, but I submit that there are such people and that the Christian Depressed Classes suffer from the same disabilities and disadvantages and degradations as their Hindu brethren, if not more. That being the case, their claims must be considered in a spirit of sympathy and kindness."

* The Hon. the DEPUTY PRESIDENT:—"Is the hon. Member likely to finish his speech in one or two minutes?"

Mr. M. DEVADASAN:—"No, Sir, I shall continue tomorrow."

The House then adjourned to meet again at 11 a.m. the next day.

IV.—PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

[a] *G.O. No. 71, Finance, dated 2nd February 1934, regarding the election of Mr. J. K. Metherell* vice *Mr. W. O. Wright resigned.*

[b] *G.O. No. 92, Finance, dated 16th February 1934, regarding the renomination of Khan Bahadur Yahya Ali Sahib Bahadur as a Member of the Finance Committee.*

[c] *Proceedings of the Finance Committee, dated 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th January 1934.*

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Secretary to the Legislative Council.

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 181 infra.
[b] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 181–182 infra.
[c] Printed separately.